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REMARKS

Claims 1-23 were allowed in the Notice of Allowance mailed on August 25, 2011. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for positive consideration of the claims.

However, during the course of prosecution of the Application the Examiner may have provided various reasons for allowing claims 1-23. The Applicant does not agree or disagree at this time with those reasons, but respectfully reserves the right to support or traverse those reasons should the need arise, and argue different reasons for the allowability of the claims.

The Applicant recognizes that in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 1302.14, the reasons for allowance provided by the Examiner do not necessarily include all of the reasons why the claims are allowed. The Applicant does not concede that the stated reasons for allowance are the only grounds for patentability of the allowed claims or that any element excluded from the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance is taught or suggested by the art of record.

Further, the Applicant does not concede that all of the elements identified by the Examiner are required to distinguish the prior art of record or to satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. In addition, the Examiner does not assert, and the Applicant would not agree, that the stated reasons for allowance have any bearing on the patentability of claims in any other applications.

Each dependent claim stands on its own and is allowable based on its own elements or in combination with one or more elements recited in its base claim(s). The combination of elements need not include all of the elements identified in the stated reasons for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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